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Funeral services were conducted by his friend and pastor, the Reverend Richard F. Barram, and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

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I cannot say, and I will not say That he is dead! He is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand, He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair It must be, since he lingers there.

And you, - O you, who the wildest yearn For the old-time step and the glad return, -

Think of him faring on, as dear In the love of There as the love of Here;

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The father, William Harvey Stewart, was employed for many years with the Henderson-Ames Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan. His wife was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, the daughter of a boss steel roller, who had followed that trade in Troy, New York. When he came to Wyandotte he helped to establish a steel mill there and rolled the first steel railroad tie ever used. The methods he used are still in use at the Great Lakes Steel Works. He moved from Wyandotte to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he passed away. He was the oldest Mason in

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Upon his return to Michigan, Mr. Stewart came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and attended Western State Normal School, now known as Western Michigan College of Education.

His first employment was with the Hanselman Candy Company for three years as city salesman, after which he accepted a position as manager of the Harry Shoe Company, where he remained from 1911 to 1914.

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Walter Stewart, Junior, was the first child of this first marriage and was born in Richmond, Virginia, April 9, 1918. About this time, the young father, Walter John, Sr., was drafted into the service of his country and was sent to Camp Lee in Virginia. The war ended before his outfit was sent overseas and Mr. Stewart returned home and began work with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

In 1921, a second son was born, but his coming occasioned the death of both mother and child, ending a very happy marriage.

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"I am proud to say that in carrying out his assigned mission he exemplified the finest traditions of the Service. Elmer was not only a capable, respected leader of his men, and an excellent soldier, but at all times he showed the qualities of a fine Christian gentleman. His teaching experience and ability in that field were of great value in the training of the unit, and he could be relied upon to discharge his duties with efficiency and good judgment."

Signed: WHITMAN PEARSON

Captain, 607th QM Gr Reg CO

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"His fine manhood, his courteous manner and his sincerity made upon me a lasting impression. I cherished dearly his friendship and I have lost a fine friend. . . Noble and magnanimous in life and highly honorable in death he passed away. On the altar of his country he placed his life in order that the great heritages of the ages might be preserved, that the generations to come might enjoy them and that our noble American ideals might not perish from the earth."

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Willis Evans Stimson was born in Lacon, Illinois on August 3, 1857, the second son of Morris N. Stimson and Susan Evans Stimson. At the age of two his parents decided to move to Michigan and bought a farm northeast of Kalamazoo which for many years was known as the Stimson Farm. Here he grew up with his brothers and sisters, seven in all, and happy were the years spent there. His Father was a civil engineer on the G.R. & I.R.R. and so was gone from home a good deal but the Mother had lived on a farm and so that life was not new to her and she enjoyed it and brought up the family to enjoy it also. family were all musically inclined and many were the happy hours spent singing at home and going around to the different homes and having "singing school". The Singing Master nearly always stayed at the Stimsons for they were such a jolly crowd. On Sundays their Mother packed them all in the big two seated buggy and in to Kalamazoo they came to attend the Congregational Sunday School and Church. On school days they attended the old Gull Road School until they were old enough to come to Kalamazoo where they attended the old Union School.

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family consisted of Emmet, Willis, Seraph, deceased about fourteen, Della and Ella, twins, Frank, and Fred. The two older boys were very fond of fishing and hunting and many are the stories told of their trip up through Gun Plains and along the Kalamazoo River to Plainwell, walking all the way up there and back, for a day of hunting for the wild turkey, etc. When coming into Kalamazoo to School they invariably walked the entire distance of about four and a half miles and didn't think a thing of it.

The family grew up to manhood and womanhood and the oldest boy, Emmet, married Olive Friend, a neighbor girl, and later moved to Peoria, Illinois and then to Kansas City, Missouri, where he traveled for a large farming implement company. Willis married Addie M. Washburn and they bought a farm on the road just south of Whites Lake and there their two oldest children were born, Bertha and Wilma. Deciding to give up farming they moved to Kalamazoo and resided for a time at the corner of Burr Oak and South Burdick Streets, later moving to East Cedar Street just east of Bronson Hospital, the house still standing. There their third child was born, Maude, and they later moved to Oak Street just south of Lovell and then a short time later bought the home at 622

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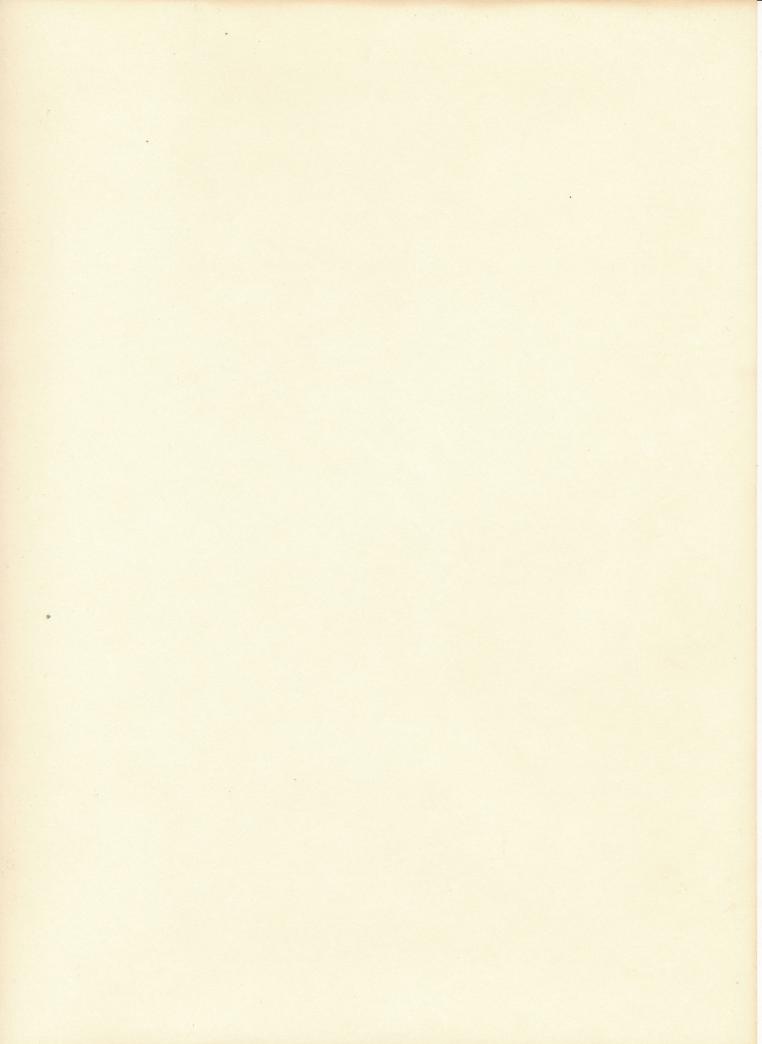
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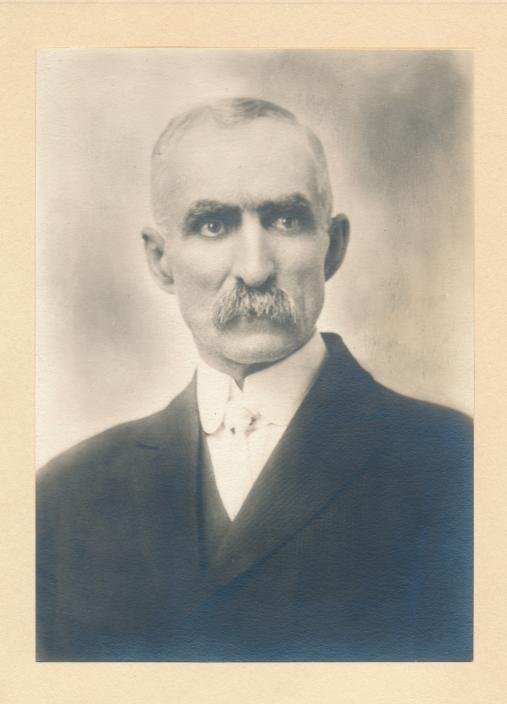
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Warner Madison Stoughton, son of James W. and Lucinda Herron Stoughton, of English descent, was born on a farm in Almena township, VanBuren County, Michigan, March 8, 1860. He was of a large family of brothers and sisters and also had several half brothers and sisters. Of the former were Elwin, Jerome, George, Libbie, Nettie, Nellie and Retta. Of the half brothers and sisters there were Mark, Warren, Charles, Fred, Mary and Emily.

Warner attended a rural school near his home and later entered school at Paw Paw, Michigan. After he left school he gave his attention for some time to farming.

September 5, 1884 Warner Stoughton was married to Miss Mettie E. Simmons and to this union were born three children: Dillis Harrison March 25, 1887, who married Ruby E. Vickery; Adah M., born July 19, 1890, married Earle W. Smith of Peoria, Illinois; Gladys Lucinda, born February 7, 1893, married Jack Sturm of Kalamazoo.

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From 1903 to 1908 Mr. Stoughton was ticket agent for the K. L. S. and C. railway and for the Pere Marquette railway at Paw Paw, Michigan.

Mr. Stoughton then entered politics and was
County Treasurer of Van Buren County from 1910 to
1914. He then moved to Kalamazoo for one year and
then to South Haven where he conducted a Variety
Store from 1916 to 1918. In the fall of 1918
Mr. Stoughton returned to Kalamazoo and resided at
1114 Maywood avenue and again worked for the
Michigan Central railroad as O. S. D. clerk.

Mr. Stoughton was a gentleman of varied interests. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and above all, was a good citizen who identified himself with all good causes. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church; also of the Maccabee Lodge and the Masonic order.

Mr. Stoughton died September 12, 1923, after an illness of four months. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. John Wirt Dunning and burial was at Riverside.

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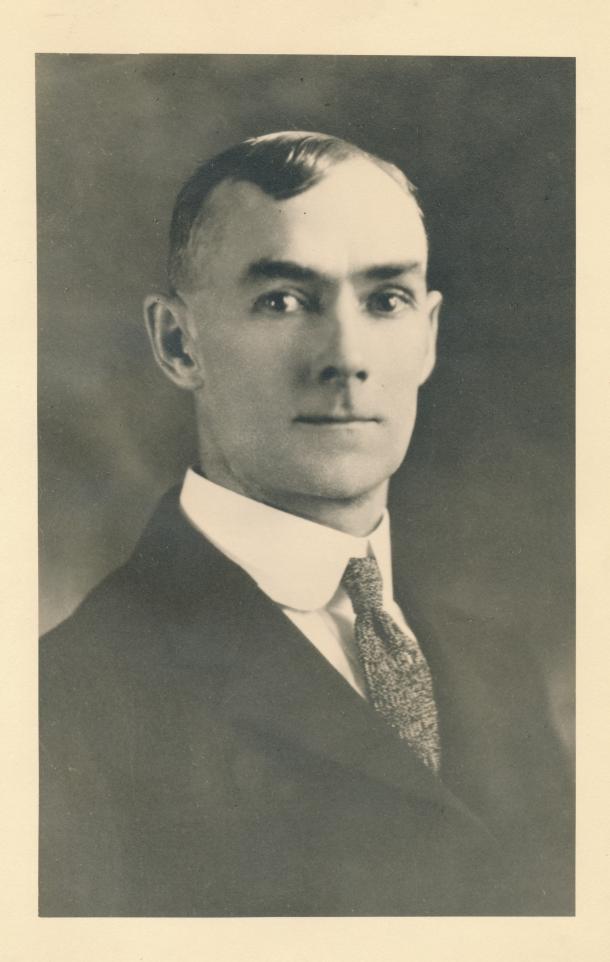
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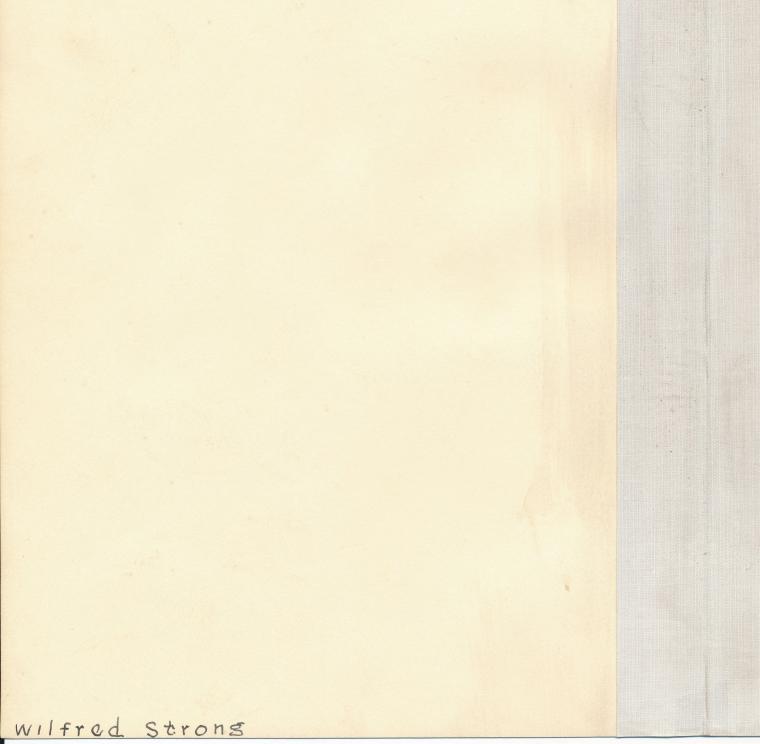
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State College, from which he was graduated in
1905 as a mechanical engineer with high honors and was admitted to the Tau Beta Pi fraternity.

Agricultural College, Mr. Strong went to work for Fred Buckley of the Kalamazoo Foundry and Machine Company as a mechanical engineer making drawings and blue prints, in which work he proved to be very efficient and the company looked to him to do their most difficult problems. Among his achievements were the plans he drew for the steel construction of the auditorium of the Central high school. He grew steadily with the company and at the time of his death was its treasurer.

WILFRED STRONG 1875 - 1939

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Wilfred Strong was born in Kalamazoo, Mionigan, October 30, 1875, son of Fannie Anderson and Arthur Strong, who resided later near Bonnie Castle Lake. He attended the rural school and Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State College, from which he was graduated in 1905 as a mechanical engineer with high honors and was admitted to the Tau Bets Pi fraternity.

Following his graduation from Michigan
Agricultural Gollage, Mr. Strong went to work for
Fred Buckley of the Kalamazoo Foundry and Machine
Company as a mechanical engineer making drawings
and blue prints, in which work he proved to be
very efficient and the company looked to him to
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December 25, 1922, Mr. Strong married Jennie Frances Gorham, daughter of Anna Van Fleet and Charles Thomas Gorham. She was born in Lawrence, Kansas, June 10, 1894, and at the age of two years moved with her parents to Franklin, Nebraska, where she was graduated from the high school in 1912, and then took a course in piano at Franklin Academy and gave both junior and senior recitals and received her diploma in music. She then started a course in nursing in the Omaha Methodist Hospital. She came to Michigan December 25, 1921 and served as nurse in Pine Crest Sanitarium and Baldwin Sanitarium.

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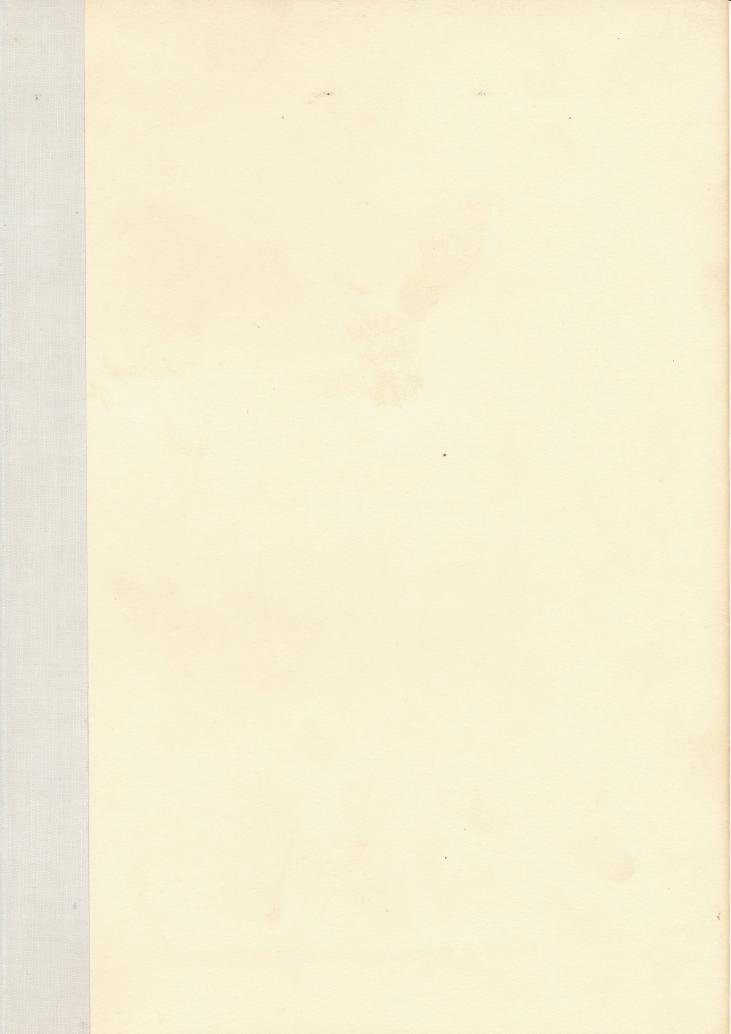
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CHARLES W STRUBLE By A Friend

A broad smile which seldom disappears, twinkling eyes, a most pleasing personality, an abundant supply of wit, and a keen sense of humor, all of which are cloaked with extreme gentlemanliness, describe Charles W. Struble, three times sheriff of Kalamazoo County and the most widely known law enforcement officer in Southwestern Michigan.

with Sheriff Struble is like experiencing the stimulating effect of a well-prescribed tonic. The visitor is always the happier for having had the experience. He cannot help feeling that "the World is a pretty good place after all," upon leaving the sheriff's presence. That smiling countenance is contagious and some features of that pleasing personality are certain to leave their mark upon the visitor.

And yet with all the characteristics which make Sheriff Struble a "hale fellow, well met," in every group, there is behind the outward pleasantness a keen and serious mind which immediately reflects ability to cope with any phase of law and

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Besides being the most widely known law enforcement officer in his community, Sheriff Struble merits his rating of prominence in the Democratic party. For three successive terms he has been elected to the office of sheriff—the only Democrat to win a county office during those years. He numbers among his friends and supporters members of all political parties.

Sheriff Struble is a native of Kalamazoo County. He was born in Galesburg, Jan. 27, 1879, and received his elementary and high school education there. His parents were George H. and Sarah M. Struble.

on April 14, 1898, he moved to Kalamazoo. He accepted employment at the Kalamazoo State hospital. His next position was with the Kalamazoo police department, where he enrolled as patrolman, May 7, 1902. This marked his entry into the field of law enforcement, which was destined to be his life's profession.

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Promotions came rapid to Mr. Struble after he entered the police department, and it was but a few years before he was looked upon as the logical appointee as chief of police. This honor came to him in short time, and he served in that capacity until Jan. 1, 1919, when he left the department to enter into the field of private investigating.

Mr. Struble was Kalamazoo's war-time chief of police, and during the trying years of 1917-18 he gave to the community a service well on a par with that of the men who served with the United States forces. Added duties were thrust upon him and his department and his work intertwined with the military departments established at Camp Custer, one of the Nation's largest cantonments, which was located partially in Kalamazoo County and partially in Calhoun County. He sought active military service, but was destined to remain in his important key-man position as chief of police.

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At the request of friends, Mr. Struble entered the Democratic race for sheriff in the fall of 1930, and won the election by a comfortable margin. He sought re-election in 1932 and 1934, and was successful in both campaigns. He is the second sheriff to serve more than two terms in that office in Kalamazoo County.

As sheriff of Kalamazoo County, Mr. Struble has dealt with many important cases, some of which attracted state and nation-wide attention. His most recent important case of nation-wide attention was the murder of Robert Brown, young Kalamazoo trucking firm proprietor, who was shot to death near Howell, Michigan, early in 1935, by Clarence Frechette, a former employee, who transported Brown's body in the trunk of the latter's automobile across the continent to the California line, where he was captured through quick action on the part of Sheriff Struble.

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While Arthur was in school he was ambitious to earn his own spending money and buy his own clothes. He found work in a shoe shining parlor and also was a carrier for the Kalamazoo Gazette. This enabled him to help pay his way while attending Central High School and Western Michigan College of Education, where he enrolled in the fall of 1939. He worked one summer for the Park Commission at Milham Park. While in college he took part in athletics and earned his letter in tennis. He also enjoyed ice skating, fishing and hunting.

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529 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, Mich., August 30, 1943.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sugas,

As I read the Free Press
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Each time Art was home he came to school, looked me up and chatted for a while. I always appreciated his friendliness so much and had much faith for the future. He has a brilliant mind, keen ambition, and a winning personality. You gave him a splendid inheritance and have every right to be proud of him.

You have my deepest sympathy during these trying days. Art had many friends, and we, too, find it difficult to understand why he should not be one of those to be safe, except that he never shirked a hard job.

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Dear Mr. Sugas-

Arthur was one of our best loved pilots. His good humor, eagerness and ability added much to the squadron's happiness, much to its effectiveness. All of us miss him and the squadron is the loser because of his absence.

As the Squadron Intelligence Officer it is my pleasure to live with the boys and to know them intimately. You may well be proud of the work which Elmer did with us and of the fact that he went down in active combat in one of the hardest fought air engagements of the war.

We hope that you will have news of him soon - good news that he is still with us. When you do hear, please let us know.

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As he soared into the skies On his lips the song of freedom
And God's beauty in his eyes.

Brave and loyal in the service
Of the flag he bore on high He gave his life to keep it flying
And such heroes never die.

So another name is graven
On the shield of freedom's light;
There to love and shine forever
Showing us the truth and right.

Time may dim our grief and sorrow,
But our love for him will stay
Bright through all the years before us,
And we'll miss him every day.

Yes, he knows we will remember
And he smiles with love and pride
When to Heaven comes our whisper:
"Thank you, son ...for us you died."

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FREDERICK WOLFE SUTHERLAND 1888 - 1939

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Frederick Wolfe Sutherland was born on a farm in Portage township, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, January 11, 1888. He was the son of Frederick and Anna Wolfe Sutherland. He had one brother, Louis Wolfe Sutherland, who is the father of Betty, who married William Race and resides in Kalamazoo, and of Louis Wolfe, Jr., of Kalamazoo. He also had one sister, Marion, who married Orville Floyd Miller, is the mother of Frederick Sutherland and John Sutherland Miller and resides in Kalamazoo.

When Fred was two years old his father died.

His mother, with her two sons and one daughter,

moved into Kalamazoo, where the family resided with

his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wolfe, at the

corner of John and Vine streets.

At the age of eight, Fred was selling papers on the streets of Kalamazoo. During his school years he always had a paper route; in fact, when attending high school he delivered the morning Chicago papers as well as the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Evening Telegraph. In order to get the Chicago Tribune he

FREDERICK WOLFE SUTHERLAND

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Frederick Wolfe Sutherland was born on a farm in Portage township, Kalamaseo county, Michigan, January 11, 1886. He was the son of Frederick and Anna Wolfe Sutherland. He had one brether, Louis Wolfe Sutherland, who is the father of Betty, who married William Race and resides in Kalamazoo, and of Louis Wolfe, Jr., of Kalamazoo. He also had one sister, Marion, who married Orville Floyd Miller, is the mother of Frederick Sutherland and John Sutherland Miller and resides in Kalamazoo.

When Fred was two years old his father died.
His mother, with her two sons and one daughter,
moved into Kalemaroo, where the family resided with
his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wolfe, at the
corner of John and Vine streets.

At the age of eight, Fred was selling papers on
the streets of Kalamazoo. During his school years
he always had a paper route; in fact, when attending
high school he delivered the morning Chicago papers
as well as the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Evening
Telegraph. In order to get the Chicago Tribune he

would meet the train at two or three o'clock in the morning. He also shovelled walks and Frank Milham was one of those whose walks he cleaned.

He was graduated from the high school at eighteen years of age and immediately secured a position in the office of the Bryant Paper Company, under the supervision of Mr. Frank Milham and received six dollars a week as office boy. He soon had the confidence of Mr. Milham and won several promotions, finally filling the position of General Purchasing Agent. The company at that time was the largest industrial unit in Kalamazoo.

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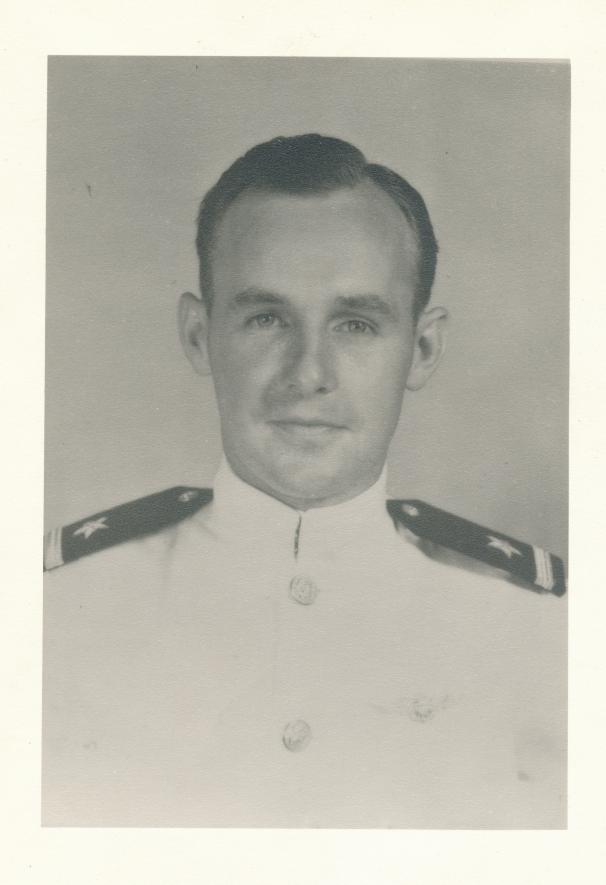
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"For high scholarship, distinguished service faithfully performed and superior standards of character. Done in accord with act of Student Teacher Council."

Carl also received the following awards:

"Kalamazoo Junior High School Athletic Association Hereby awards to Carl Swanson

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For year 1929 and 1930.

D. J. Heathcote

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

Know Ye, That reposing special Trust and Confidence
in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity and abilities of

CARL OLAF SWANSON

I do appoint him

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in the Naval Reserve of the United States Navy to rank from the 23rd day of July, 1942.

He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of such office by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers
Seamen and Marines under his command to be obedient
to his orders. And he is to observe and follow such
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This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States of America for the time being.

Done at the City of Washington this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-seventh.

By the President

Frank Knoz, Secretary of the Navy.

After Lieutenant Carl Olaf Swanson had been less than one month in combat action in the Italian theatre of war his parents received the following letter:

Bombing Squadron 132 c/o Fleet P. O., New York, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1944.

Mr. Carl Swanson, 841 Reed St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Mr. Swanson, -

It is with sincere regret that I learned of the death of your son Carl in the crash of an airplane belonging to this squadron on January 10th.

While there were no witnesses who actually saw the accident which occurred about 31 miles from the coast, there were persons who saw an explosion when the plane hit the water. Boats and other planes were at the scene of the crash within twenty minutes and salvaged certain wreckage which definitely identified the plane. Unfortunately no bodies were recovered. The plane was engaged in a

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The loss of Carl will be deeply felt by the entire squadron. His work was of exceptional caliber and his cheerful personality added a great deal to our morale. We are holding memorial services for Carl and the other members of his plane crew tomorrow.

May I extend my sympathy and the sympathy of every member of the squadron to you in this misfortune. If I can be of any aid, do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely yours,

Carl R. Doerflinger, Lt. Commander U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer Bomber Squadron 132

Later the following letter was received:

The Secretary of the Navy, Washington, 3 February, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Swanson, 841 Reed Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, -

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My sincere sympathy is expressed to you in your sorrow, and I trust that you may be comforted by the thought that he died at his station of duty.

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Personal Characteristics

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Harry Taylor attended college in England and in 1889 his father, who was a salesman for a book company, gave Harry and his younger brother Reginald Herbert each a money belt filled with gold pieces and they migrated to Canada.

Later Harry came to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he worked on a farm and attended school for six months. He worked on various farms for a time and then studied telephone engineering by correspondence winters and spent the summers fishing for pearls in the Kalamazoo, Grand and St. Joseph rivers.

Mrs. Taylor has rings which were made from the gold which Mr. Taylor mined in Alaska and set with pearls which he secured from the clam shells which he took from the river beds. In his trip to Alaska in the 1890s, Mr. Taylor was accompanied by his younger brother. They hunted moose and killed four and a bear ran away with his rubber boots.

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They began housekeeping in Marshall, Michigan, where Mr. Taylor became manager of the Citizens

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"I started out when very young A sinful life to live, And the best of all my talent To Satan I did give.

Lying, drinking, gambling,
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My dear old father told me
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If I continued in that way,
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I went into a meeting
That night to spend an hour,
It was there my soul was captured
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I heard the testimonies
And the reading of God's word
And it seemed to me the singing
Was the sweetest ever heard.

And when I heard the message
I thought it all for me.
They told me how the Savior died
To set the sinner free.

I knew I was a sinner
And had an aching heart.
So I promised God I'd trust Him
And that night I made a start.

On March 1st, nineteen hundred four, At half past nine at night, I bade farewell to Satan And then with God 'got right."

I accepted Jesus in my life
And gave up all my sin.
He cleansed my heart from every stain;
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Written August 19, 1937



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He was reared on the farm and attended the Seminary
at Richland. At the age of fifteen he moved to the
farm south of Richland where he died. He had two
brothers, Robert and John, and two sisters,
Mrs. Edward DeWolf and Christina Telfer, all of whom
preceded him in death.

Mr. Telfer was elected supervisor of Richland
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He married Alice L. Clevenger December 16, 1895. She was the daughter of Laura Jane Peterson, who was born in Indiana and came with her parents to Michigan, and William S. Clevenger. Mr. and Mrs. Telfer have an adopted son, Donald Duane, born April 13, 1901, married Celia Moore of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Telfer reside on the farm where James Telfer died. They are the parents of three children: James Duane, born December 23, 1926; Alice Louise, born May 29, 1931 and Linda Mae, born October 15, 1936.

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Jacob John Temple attended school in Kalamazoo and at the age of fourteen began work in sheet metal. At the age of nineteen he went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, for two years and while there met and married November 18, 1893, Ada Johnson, who was born in Syracuse, New York, May 22, 1872, daughter of William and Mary Ann Turner Johnson of English descent. They began housekeeping in Grand Rapids and after a few months moved in 1894 to a house on North Park street in Kalamazoo, where they resided for three years; they then secured a residence on River road and resided there for three years; they then secured a residence at 1015 Lake street where they lived for twenty years and then built their home at

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Harold, born October 16, 1897, died May 20, 1900:

Robert, born May 10, 1900, resides with his mother:

Mildred Ellen, born February 13, 1903, married George C. Dates and resides in Philadel-phia, Pennsylvania.

When Mr. and Mrs. Temple came to Kalamazoo to live in 1894, he worked for a number of years for the Upjohn Company. In 1907 he founded the Kalamazoo Sheet Metal Manufacturing Company with two other partners and continued as manager of this company for more than twenty years until he retired and was still a director of the company at the time of his death.

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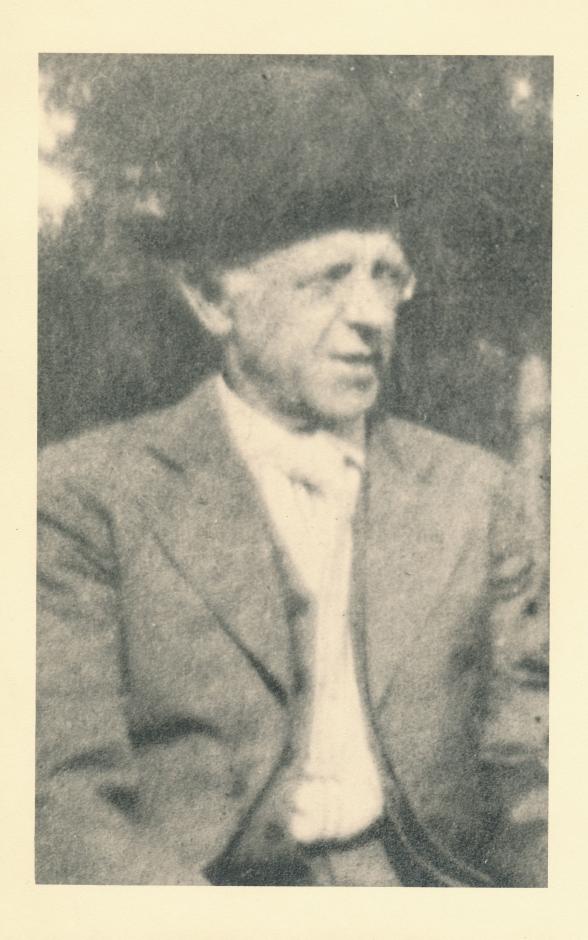
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In 1868, the family migrated from the Netherlands to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they made their home on Parsons street and the boys attended the Frank Street School. Later they moved to a location beyond Riverside cemetery across from what was known as "William's Mill," where the boys grew to manhood.

On May 16, 1883, John Jacob Temple was married to Miss Margaret Louise McPherson, who was born at Mt. Forest, Ontario, July 25, 1861. She was the daughter of William McPherson, who was born near Perth, Ontario, July 6, 1831, of Scotch-Canadian ancestry, and Anne Douglas McPherson, born in Ireland in June, 1828. She came to the vicinity

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The McPhersons moved from Canada to Kalamazoo, Michigan, when Margaret was seven years old, and for many years they resided at 535 Davis street, where Mr. McPherson died December 21, 1904, and Mrs. McPherson passed away November 2, 1908.

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Small as their new home was, the Temples opened wide its doors to the young people of the neighbor-hood and many dances and parties were held there, with the Temples as host and hostess.

Four years later, Mr. Temple built a much larger home at what is now 729 North Rose street and the young couple moved into the more commodious quarters. In 1916, the small house was torn down and a still larger house erected at 725 North Rose.

On May 20, 1887, their first child, Lulu, was born. She married (1) Ora W. Coe and became the mother of (a) Merrill, who married Hazel Upson and became the father of Jerry; (b) Alice, who married Hereford Blake and became the mother of Barbara; (c) Max, who married Marjorie Daniels and entered the United States Army, serving as a commercial artist in the Second World War; Mr. Coe passed away when his children were little and Mrs. Coe's second marriage was to Lloyd A. Branch; (2) the second child of Mr. Mrs. Temple was Fred Wm., born July 28, 1891, was graduated from Michigan Agricultural College, later

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died a short time later; second, Claire Royce Gerould
and became the mother of Claire Temple Gerould.

Mrs. Temple decided to open a Home Bakery in the front of her larger house and the venture was such a success that an addition was built at the rear for the Bake Shop. Some years later she added canned goods and ice cream to her stock. Children came eagerly to her for ice cream cones, which, with her generous Irish nature, she filled "Full and running over," as the Scriptures enjoin.

The Temples were hard workers. He had one of the first bicycle repair shops in Kalamazoo and he invented the coaster brake and other gadgets for the shop and family use, some of which he had patented. Mrs. Temple, when but twelve years of age, did housework, baking and cleaning for a large family, and attending Frank Street School, often running all the way to school to avoid being tardy.

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John, who resides in Kalamazoo; Henry, who resides in Kalamazoo; Wilhelmina, who married Carl Sweetland and resides in Kalamazoo; Martha, who married Frank Rose, both deceased; Mary, who married Albert Schauer and is deceased; Elizabeth, who married Gerrie Meyer and resides in Kalamazoo; and Mrs. Nellie Sanderson, who resides in Grand Heven, Michigan.

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"In the untimely death of Albert Ten Busschen, the City of Kalamazoo has lost one of its most valued native sons who spent his entire life in this city.

High Civic Ideals

"His marked success in private enterprise and his outstanding work and accomplishments in the public service won for him a high place among his fellow citizens. He served the public well and faithfully as a member of the city council prior to the adoption of the present city charter, as alderman from the fourth ward, as city assessor, as city commissioner after the adoption of the present charter and as city manager. In all of these places of public trust he displayed high civic ideals and the interests of the public generally were at all times foremost in his heart.

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